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* 2408 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any communication from the Chairman, Bar Council, Madras, regarding the conduct of the Commercial Tax Officer, South Malabar, in April 1955; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

* 2409 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Chairman, Madras Bar Council, has sent a communication, dated 12th April 1955, to the Secretary, Revenue Department, concerning the conduct of the Commercial Tax Officer, South Malabar, Palghat, in demanding production of sanad by advocates for appearance before him; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is being examined.

* 2410 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have received any memoranda, dated 24th May 1955, addressed to the Revenue Board by P. M. Krishnamurthy and others complaining that the Commercial Tax Officer, South Malabar, Palghat, refused appearance to their advocate on 20th May 1955 in sales-tax appeals, and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The memorandum, dated 24th May 1955, referred to in the question has not been received by the Government. A petition, dated 20th June 1955, has been received from Sri P. M. Krishnamurthy on the subject and the matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

* 2411 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received a telegram from merchants in Palghat town, South Malabar, on 28th May 1955 alleging that the Commercial Tax Officer of Palghat refused to permit the advocate to appear for them in a sales-tax case appeal; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) & (*b*) The telegram, dated 28th May 1955, referred to in the question has not been received by the Government. A petition, dated 20th June 1955, on the subject has been received and the matter is being looked into.